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Westport, Connecticut  
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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
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Westport, Fairfield County, Connecticut

Owner: Southern New England Telephone Company  
157 Church Street, New Haven, Connecticut

Date of Erection: Circa 1800

Architect and Builder: Not known

Present Condition: Fair; has addition of sleeping porch and bath room

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Frame, shingled sidewalls  
Stone foundations  
Brick chimneys

## List of Photographs:

1. Southeast Elevation
2. Northwest Elevation
3. Entrance Hall (General View)
4. Kitchen Fireplace (West Wall)

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The Dunn House, as it is now commonly known, was erected about 1800 and is presently owned by the Southern New England Telephone Company whose headquarters are in New Haven, Connecticut.

This house had been in the Richards family for over one hundred years before the Southern New England Telephone Company purchased the entire tract of land on Myrtle Avenue and razed one of the two buildings located on this site, erecting an office building for their use. This left standing the present building which William Richards used as a dwelling while he conducted a school in the structure which was torn down.

The house is in its original state of construction except for the addition of a sleeping porch and bathroom, and is in a fair condition.

Source of information: Mr. Taylor, Compo Beach, Grandson of Mr. Richards; Mrs. Gault, Niece of Mr. Taylor, also of Compo Beach, Westport, Conn.

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